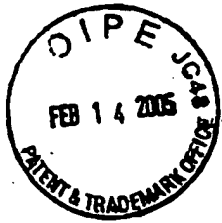


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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.314, Applicant hereby petitions that issue of patent to the above-identified application be deferred.

The above-identified application claims the convention priority pursuant to 35 USC 119 based upon the Japanese Patent Applications No. 2000-362518 of November 29, 2000 and No. 2001-344447 of November 9, 2001. Though the Notice of Allowance was issued on November 20, 2004 and the issue fee is thus due on February 10, 2005, the priority documents have not been issued yet by the Japanese Patent Office.

Applicant will submit the priority documents as soon as they are issued; and Applicant wishes to secure some time before submitting the priority documents.

In view of the above, Applicant hereby petitions that issue of the patent to the above-identified application be deferred until the priority documents are filed in the U.S. Patent Office. It is expected that the priority documents will be filed within a month after the payment of the issue fee which is made along with this Petition.

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